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1. "Unlike the leaders of the Soviet European satellites, Chairman MAO did not attend STALIN's funeral. This was the first alarm-bell for Moscow. Then Peking got busy to take over the apparatus of the Asian Cominform; second alarm-bell. The Kremlin did not wait for another danger signal. Vassili V KUZNETSOV was immediately made Soviet Ambassador to the People's Republic of China. Only a few days before he had been transferred from the chairmanship of the Soviet Trade Unions to a deputy-ministership at Moscow's Foreign Ministry. But MAO's activities seemed to upset the plans of MALENKOV - BERIA and MOLOTOV. And KUZNETSOV was the only man capable to put matters right. Formally he became the new Soviet Ambassador. In fact, he is keeping the DIRECTION OF THE ASIAN COMINFORN BUREAU IN SOVIET HANDS.
2. "This needs some explanation. As is generally known, Moscow directed World Communism through the COMINTERN, or the Communist International, with headquarters in Moscow. But during the second world war, in May 1943, in order to appease his allies, STALIN ordered the COMINTERN to 'dissolve' itself. Immediately, the offices and functions of the late COMINTERN were taken over by the Moscow headquarters of the Soviet Trade Unions. Even the 'International Press Correspondence' / 'INPREKOR' / the official organ of the Comintern, continued to appear, under different titles and in a new style. It still exists, still is published weekly in eight languages by 'TRUD', the official

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Soviet Trade Unions paper. For the last few years, it has been called NEW TIMES.

3. "The official Canadian Blue Book on the Soviet Atom Spies brought documentary evidence that the 'dissolved' COMINTERN not only existed but also was quite busy. In the meantime, the Soviet Trade Unions--which camouflaged the COMINTERN at their headquarters--succeeded, about 1946, in taking over a new important international organization--the WFTU--World Federation of Trade Unions--created in 1945. The expanding WFTU 'apparatus' was--and still is--a real boon for international Communist activities. It took a few years, before honest Western trade-unionists smelled the rat. Then they withdrew from the WFTU, but even so Red infiltration is rampant among them.
4. "When in the Fall of 1947 Moscow officially created the COMINFORM, many secret activities directed from Moscow's Trade Union House, were transferred, first to Belgrade, and then to Bucharest. But Moscow always kept the direction.
5. "In the fall of 1949 MAO established Communist rule over the whole Chinese mainland. Less than two months later, a 'Trade Union Conference of Asian and Australasian Countries' in Peking/16 Nov to 1 Dec 49/ set up a 'WFTU Liaison Bureau for Asia.' THIS LIAISON BUREAU BECAME THE COVER FOR THE TOP SECRET ASIAN BUREAU OF THE COMINFORM. Similar bureaus also exist in Latin America and Africa.
6. "V V KUZNETSOV became head of the Soviet Trade Unions in 1944. He took over from SHVERNIK, then made the titular head of State of the USSR. (Now SHVERNIK has come back to his old job.) In 1944 KUZNETSOV already found the camouflaged COMINTERN offices at his TU hqs. Soon he supervised them. He too organized Communist penetration of the new WFTU. And soon enough KUZNETSOV was helping to set up the Latin American Cominform Bureau (with the local TU's--Lombardo BORDABUJO's CTAIO, then the Asian, and the African.
7. "Morally afraid of the developments of the US atom bomb, Moscow countered with her 'World Peace Movement.' COMINFORM and WFTU, of course, tread the 'peace' line. On 12 Oct 52 the last day of the Peking 'Peace Conference of the Asian and Pacific Regions,' a permanent 'PEACE LIAISON COMMITTEE OF THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGIONS' was founded. It took over the 'cover' of the Asian COMINFORM Bureau, from the WFTU Liaison Bureau for Asia. BUT THE PERSONNEL REMAINED THE SAME.
8. "Chinese TUs are closely linked with their Communist Party: LIU SHAO-chi, the Secretary General of the Communist Party of China, is Honorary Chairman of the All-China Federation of Labor. Chairman CHEN YUN and first Deputy Chairman of the All-China Federation of Labor, LI I.-seo, are both Politbureau members of the CP of China. And the Third Deputy Chairman of the All-China F of L, LIU Ning-I, the first of the four members of the WFTU Liaison Bureau of Asia created November 1949 is now Secretary General of the new Peace Liaison Committee created in November 1952.
9. "The three Soviets in the Peking 'Peace Liaison Committee' are its first Deputy Chairman I I ANISIMOV; one of the seven Deputy Secretary Generals Vadim KOZHEVNIKOV; and a Committee member, D K KHODYAEV. They are, however, majorized by the Chinese. With KUZNETSOV's ARRIVAL, THE SOVIETS STARTED PLAYING INDIANS AGAINST THE CHINESE. Vadim KOZHEVNIKOV joined forces with his Indian colleague, another Deputy Secretary General, Ramesh CHANDRA. KUZNETSOV himself is in touch with the Indian Deputy Chairman Dr. Saifuddin KITCHLEW, one of the last foreigners who saw STALIN alive. The Indians--whether ticket-members of the Communist Party of India, fellow-travelers, or simple 'nationalists'--want all to be the leaders of Asia. The same applies to the Chinese. This rivalry, combined with Peking's depending on Soviet economic and military help, may well assure the success of KUZNETSOV's real mission; by controlling the Asian Cominform Bureau, to control MAO and his regime."

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